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KCUR Public Radio, Kansas City – KC Forum Raises Health Concerns over Coal-Related Pollution Levels Downtown - Speakers at a forum hosted by the Sierra Club Wednesday evening blamed the Veolia Energy power plant near downtown Kansas City for contributing to dangerously high levels of sulfur dioxide air pollution in the area. http://kcur.org/post/kc-forum-raises-health-concerns-over-coal-related-pollution-levels-downtown

KTVI Channel 2, St. Louis – More lawsuits filed against Bridgeton Landfill – 8/13/14 - Residents who live near a Missouri landfill have filed more lawsuits against a waste disposal company. http://fox2now.com/2014/08/13/more-lawsuits-filed-against-bridgeton-landfill/

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau – Residents file more lawsuits against Bridgeton Landfill – 8/14/14 - Residents living near a smoldering Missouri landfill have filed more lawsuits against a waste disposal company. More than 34 people are represented in 14 lawsuits that were filed Tuesday against Bridgeton Landfill owner Republic Services, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported. http://www.semissourian.com/story/2109403.html

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Water Technology Online – Multinational company agrees to settle alleged Clean Water Act violations- 8/14/14 - Cargill Incorporated agreed to settle alleged Clean Water Act (CWA) violations at two large oil storage facilities located in Blair, Neb., and Eddyville, Iowa, according to a press release. http://www.watertechonline.com/articles/168615-multinational-company-agrees-to-settle-alleged-clean-water-act-violations

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The Atlantic – How to talk about climate change so people will listen – 8/14/14 - Not long ago, my newspaper informed me that glaciers in the western Antarctic, undermined by the warmer seas of a hotter world, were collapsing, and their disappearance "now appears to be unstoppable." The melting of these great ice sheets would make seas rise by at least four feet—ultimately, possibly 12—more than enough to flood cities from New York to Tokyo to Mumbai. http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/09/how-to-talk-about-climate-change-so-people-will-listen/375067/

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Washington Examiner – Why opponents don't like the EPA's climate change math – 8/14/14 - On paper, the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed power plant rule is an obvious bargain: A cost of no more than \$8.8 billion, with benefits reaching between \$55 billion and \$93 billion by 2030. http://washingtonexaminer.com/why-opponents-dont-like-the-epas-climate-change-math/article/2552003

Des Moines Register – Red Rock hydroelectric plant breaks ground – 8/13/14 - The second-largest hydroelectric plant in lowa is officially under construction after a ceremonial groundbreaking Wednesday at Red Rock Dam near Pella. http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/business/development/2014/08/13/red-rock-hydroelectric-plant-breaks-ground/14007791/

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Inside EPA - EPA Defends Methods For Analyzing Rules' Jobs Impacts – 8/13/14 - EPA is defending the methods it uses to analyze the potential impacts its rules might have on jobs, arguing a major industry group is misrepresenting a recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report that urges the agency to improve the transparency and usefulness of its cost-benefit analyses for major rules.

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Inside EPA - Environmentalists, Industry Spar Over EPA Justifications For Boiler MACT – 8/13/14 - Environmentalists and industry groups are sparring over EPA's justifications for its maximum achievable control technology (MACT) air toxics rule for large "major" source boilers, with both attacking the agency's methodologies but industry arguing that the rule should be less stringent and advocates countering that EPA made it too weak. http://insideepa.com/201408132479292/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/environmentalists-industry-spar-over-epa-justifications-for-boiler-mact/menu-id-95.html?s=dn

Inside EPA - Environmentalists Say House TSCA Bill Is 'Dead' But Senate Talks Continue — 8/13/14 - Environmentalists are celebrating the defeat of a draft House bill to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), saying it is "dead" and crediting the public health concerns cited by its opponents about the draft provisions, but other sources say negotiations are continuing in the Senate over a companion bill. http://insideepa.com/201408132479204/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/environmentalists-say-house-tsca-bill-is-dead-but-senate-talks-continue/menu-id-95.html?s=dn

Inside EPA - Appellate Ruling Blocks EPA From 'Grandfathering' Air Permit Waivers – 8/13/14 - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit has scrapped a permit EPA issued for the Avenal Power natural gas utility in California that "grandfathered" the plant from having to meet greenhouse gas (GHG) and stricter conventional pollutant limits finalized during the permitting process, saying EPA lacked power to waive the limits. http://insideepa.com/201408132479203/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/appellate-ruling-blocks-epa-from-grandfathering-air-permit-waivers/menu-id-95.html?s=dn

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